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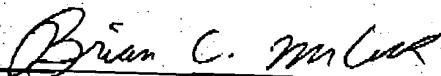
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 20, 2004

This communication is in response to the Office Action of April 20, 2004.

The Office Action requires Applicants to elect from what appear to be three independent inventions and an election of a single species. Specifically, the Office Action states that the application contains:

- a. Group I – claims 1-41 and 54-84, drawn to a projection system, classified in class 349, subclass 5;
- b. Group II – claims 42-43, drawn to a liquid crystal projection device, classified in class 349, subclass 119; and
- c. Group III – claims 44-53, drawn to a method for compensating a projection system, classified in class 349, subclass 121.

The office action states that Group I contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- a. Species 1 – the specifics of the projection system having a first oblique anisotropic compensation element with symmetrical splays comprising a first embodiment corresponding to Claims 1-26, 60-84;
- b. Species 2 – the specifics of the projection system having multiple oblique compensation element that are not anisotropic comprising a second embodiment corresponding to claims 27-41; and
- c. Species 3 – the specifics of the projection system having a second oblique anisotropic compensation element with parallel splays comprising a third embodiment corresponding to claims 54-59.

The Office Action requires Applicants to elect one of the independent inventions and a single disclosed species.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-41 and 54-84 and Species 1, claims 1-26 and 60-84.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are required with the filing of this response; however, in the event that additional fees are necessary to complete this filing, please deduct those additional amounts from deposit account no. 13-0480 (Attorney Docket No. 95121961.207001) that are necessary to complete this filing.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of all claims. If Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants

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